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# THE AXONE

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## College Officials Welcome Freshmen

A welcoming dinner for the Freshman Class was tendered in the College Auditorium on Monday evening, November 17, 1947. Tables were set for about 150 guests who were served a turkey dinner with all the fixings by McAllisters', caterers of Philadelphia. The program was participated in by both the members of the new class and their hosts.

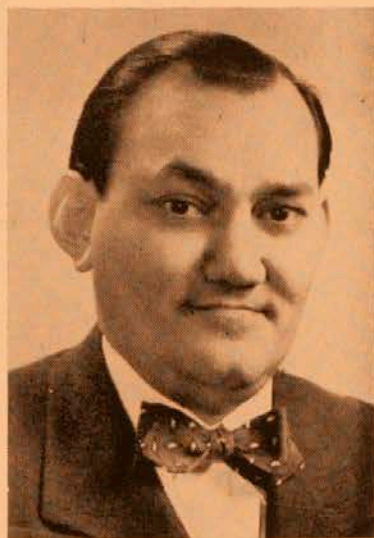
This function was sponsored by the Dean's Office, the Committee on Admissions who selected this group from among the many applicants, the Committee on Undergraduates, and the Executive Committee of the Osteopathic Foundation.

Among those present were George E. Letchworth, Jr., President of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, Dr. Otterbein Dressler, Dean of FCO, Louis G. Schacterle, Director of Admissions at PCO, as well as members of the above mentioned committees, and the faculty members of PCO engaged in the Freshman curriculum.

Lawson D. Palmer, chairman of the new class spoke briefly, expressing the pleasure and appreciation of his group. He said, "We feel extremely fortunate as a group to have merited admission to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy; particularly since we are informed that next year's applicants exceed the College's facilities by two-fold".

### HILLEL MEETS

The Hillel Society met at the Lambda Omicron Gamma House on Tuesday noon, November 17, 1947. S. H. Rubenstein, who is also Staff Photographer of the Axone, was appointed to head a committee on publicity for the group. Notices of meetings and items of interest will appear on these pages from time to time. All Students interested are invited to attend their activities.



DEAN DRESSLER

## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES SCHEDULED

The College Office announces the Annual Christmas Exercises to be held in the Auditorium on Friday evening, December 19, 1947. As usual the entire student body will participate. All are invited to bring friends and family. This program has become traditional in the institution and is a function which aids in impressing upon each of us the values of the spiritual side of life and of our Osteopathic profession.

Moving pictures will precede the regular festivities. Guests will be the Choral Society of the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital School for Nursing. Community singing of carols will be engaged in by the assembled audience. This program is scheduled for the evening before the Christmas Holidays which will begin on Saturday, Dec. 20, and end on Monday, the 5th of January, 1948. Everyone is urged to attend.

## Women Osteopaths Meet

### Local Group Sponsors Party

The status of women as Osteopathic Physicians is receiving attention tonight at a dinner arranged by the Junior Womens Osteopathic Association of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. As their guests the J.W.O.A. have members of the Faculty of PCO, many women Osteopaths located in the East, practicing as specialists, or general practitioners, as well as new recruits to their department.

Shoyers Restaurant, on Arch Street, near 4th, in Philadelphia has been the scene of similar functions by this group in the past. Arrangements have been made by a committee headed by Caroline Renzi of the Junior Class. Others on the Committee are Martha Jeane Shaw, Adele Zamot, Dorothy Sivitz, Grace Helsel, Helen Clonkey, Astrid Delitsch, Dorothy Reiber and Ruth Purdy.

### Dean Dressler Speaks

Among the honored guests this evening are Doctor Otterbein Dressler, Dean of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, and Doctor Blanche Allen of the Department of Anatomy at that institution. Dean Dressler will address the gathering drawing from his experiences as a physician and educator in the Osteopathic field.

As has been noted by many writers, the opportunities for women physicians are many and varied; furthermore there are demands in this section of

the profession which cannot be filled due to the dearth of female graduates. While this dinner and the program following it is for the edification and entertainment of those already active in the Osteopathic profession, it is hoped that enthusiasm will result in those circles which can supply the Osteopathic Colleges with qualified applicants from women's groups.

As noted in WOMEN IN OSTEOPATHY, "Women are not only prominent numerically in the Osteopathic profession; many occupy high offices in osteopathic professional organizations, serve on the faculties of the Osteopathic colleges and on the staffs of hospitals and clinics, and are active in research and other progressive osteopathic activities."

## Doctor Balbirni's Son Visitor

Arthur Balbirni of Brooklyn, New York, was a welcome visitor at the College and Hospital last Saturday. His father Dr. C. D. B. Balbirni was long associated with the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital in various capacities. He was one-time Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and later was active in the Department of Obstetrics. Dr. Balbirni's son voiced his pleasure with the progress made by the College since the days when he was a resident of Philadelphia. Doctor Balbirni's portrait may be seen in the Auditorium of the College.

## Thanksgiving Day November 27, 1947

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;*

*For His mercy endureth forever!*

(from Psalms of David)



## Intramural Rumors

JUNIOR CLASS comes up with the following through the courtesy of various institutions of higher learning:—

"You can always tell a Freshman by the way he stands and stares;  
You can always tell a Sophomore by the kind of ties he wears;  
You can always tell a Junior by the girls he dates and such;  
You can always tell a Senior — but you cannot tell him much!"

But that was in college! Here you can tell a Junior by his hospital pajamas or New Look in the Clinic. You can never tell what may happen in Neurology Class. One day four students walked out at 9:30 a.m. Always equal to the situation, said Doctor Long. "Good luck fellows! I hope it's in L.O.A."

If you're tired of livin', and not 'traid of dyin' ask J. J. Katchinoff to demonstrate his "Carotid Technique" on you. It is his individual modification of the Geriatric technique called "Shoulder Handlock."

You may have noticed that Bob Friedman has looked especially happy recently. Also notice that gold band. Another good man has taken a Better Half. Congratulations, Friedman!

It's too bad that Bob Maglieri can't afford to have a girl. Of course, it must be nice to have a Big Buick Convertible. Bob says it would be nice to have it for more than two weeks at a time. It really is hard to keep that car looking new and unscathed.

At the L.O.G. pledge party Bill Adler demonstrated the efficacy of Mental Telepathy. He showed such remarkable powers that we couldn't help but overhear his girl as they went out.

The Florida Season has begun. Irvin Goldberger and Joe and Adele Zamot took a week off and resorted to Gainesville. It could be that exams were difficult, for they came back pale-faced. At the University they found Jules Dossick and Calvin Richardson, both of PCO '47, also taking the ordeal.

Quitchebillyaken! It's almost Thanksgiving.

SOPHOMORE CLASS under the leadership of Nick Latcovitch, is planning a minstrel and dance to be held sometime in the month after midterm examinations. Tentatively appointed are the following: Grace Helsel, Go Get The Money; A. Thaler, Chief Hypnotist; J. Vermis McCabe, End Man; End-Man Johnson, End-Man; W. G. A. Edelman, Publicity. We hope there will also be a cast and an audience! Somewhat nearer, however, is the possibility that someone may arrange a Christmas festival, say on the Friday evening before we leave for the Holidays.

It somehow sounded as though someone said, the other day, "There's going to be an exam next week, but you don't need to study!" That's what it really sounded like — and who didn't go home and batter their Gray's and Morris' about! To say nothing of the Ranson's. These boys are really eating it up. We feel unusually — this month therefore the various verses; to which we add the following, in all seriousness as a mature admonition (author unknown):

I burn my candle at both ends—  
It gives a pretty light.  
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends  
It will not last the night!

Donati is do-nottin' this month, so we are pinch-hittin'.

FRESHMAN CLASS apparently there is no longer a Freshman Class. At least this is all the information we could get about them! So sorry! No writeeee, no printeeeee!

The College Office offers the following thru the courtesy of Mrs. J. C.: (Answers on Page 4)

Who is back now in our midst  
Asking "Who's out?" and "Why is this?"  
"What's your name?" and "What's your street?"  
For your body I must treat.  
Is he ill, or is it fear,  
That is keeping him from here?  
I will bet that it's a test  
Tho he surely won't confess;  
So a-calling I must go —  
Whether it is or isn't so!"

## Folks We Know at P. C. O.



If told the name of the Osteopath pictured above many might be at a momentary loss in identifying her; but if asked who is nationally known in Osteopathic Therapeutics, especially for her Cranial Technique, the instantaneous answer would be, Doctor Beryl Arbuckle. Dr. Arbuckle came here from South Africa and received her degree with the class of 1928 at P.C.O. She is listed in the College catalogue as Lecturer in Osteopathic Therapeutics. Is married to her classmate, Doctor John Warren. Doctor Arbuckle has perhaps done more original research on Cranial Bowl Therapy than any other individual in the profession.

Another native Philadelphian, always in evidence when there's anything going on; attended Temple University before coming to us; active in athletics; Secretary of Student Council here at PCO; "I'm going to be a small-town General Practitioner," says Dorothy Jean Sivitz, '49. And that's no mean undertaking!



Pshaw, now, who could this be? A native of Norristown, with a B.A. degree from Maryville College in Kentucky; appreciative of good music; but still can make a "strike and a spare in every box" when she goes bowling; good on punctuation, as we well know when she turns in her copy to the Axone; has a father who is an Osteopath; Doctor Shaw; has a mother who is an Osteopath; Doctor Shaw; sure, must be Martha Jeane Shaw! She's going into the Christian mission field after her graduation.





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fleeting, experience fallacious and judgment  
difficult."

—Hippocrates, 430 B.C.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

This month we welcome to The Axone what we hope will be a permanent arrangement. In another column you will see the news and views of the Nursing School and their Alumnae, of the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital. We are proud of their record and hope that shortly there will be other fine schools of Nursing in Osteopathic institutions, as able to maintain a lead in their respective fields. The Nursing School will be a "sustaining" as well as a "contributing" department.

This is perhaps some of the aid we need in combating the enui discernible at times in professional schools. The following quotation is not from our pen, but copied verbatim from a 1927 issue of The Axone which has just come to our desk; (it could happen again!):

"We have fallen back in our first publications . . . and there is only one answer and that is lack of cooperation of the Student Body, of which The Axone is only one of the simple parts. We hope . . . that the great interest on foot at time of circulation may occur before the time of publication . . ."

The 1947-48 Roster of the American College of Osteopathic Internists has been sent to our office as a gift. In it may be seen the names of many well known to the student body at PCO. Among others seen at first glance are those of Dr. Ralph Fischer and Dr. Victor R. Fisher, both on committees.

In the same mail was a check for subscription, (a complete surprise, as The Axone must have solicited it personally) from John E. Rogers, D.O., Secretary-Treasurer of the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Doctor Rogers is at home at PCO, and at the POH where his daughter was a student nurse a few years ago. She is now married to E. R. Williams, U. S. Vice-Counsel, at Stuttgart, Germany.

Tom Carney has been asked to write up more material on Osteopathy in Sports as seen in The Axone by the editor, Dr. J. B. M. Arthur, of The Osteopathic Profession. We hope Tom will be back next year so that he can get into the swing of things again.

If you have not read the well-known article in the current Forum of Osteopathy, by Dr. Page, it will pay you to do so at once. If you have read it, and are not sure what it said reread it!

## ON CARVING TURKEYS

By JIM

Ah me! — breathes there a man with soul so dead, who hasn't at least once rolled over and said — "Do I gotta go to class again today?" Now's your chance men (and women), because November 27th is Thanksgiving Day — it's ours, and is a free, honest-to-goodness, legal cut. Our fondest desire of sleeping past eight A.M. on a WEEK DAY is to be had for the taking. Give THANKS!

Our ancestors who took up housekeeping in New England on much less than the Union Wage Scale of today, had the right idea. I don't imagine they decided to have Thanksgiving Day just because they wanted a vacation in the middle of the week, nor because they had a spare turkey, but it was, and is a good idea; so GIVE THANKS!

I've heard lots of gripes about getting only one day off, instead of the whole weekend — I've done my share of griping too. Nevertheless, we do have a lot to be thankful for. Perhaps we had better recapitulate, and keep in mind the original thought behind Thanksgiving Day. There's more to it than cutting the head off the fattened Turkey, or getting a day off in the middle of the week . . . It is one special day out of 365 in which we take a little time to give thanks for the good things that have happened to us and to others; and to be thankful for the bad things that DIDN'T happen. Be THANKFUL!

That shouldn't be difficult to do. (I'm personally very thankful that there is only one first term Sophomore year!) It wouldn't be out of the way to pause a minute and give thanks for all the things we usually just take for granted. There are such things as love of fellowman, self-respect, and even life itself, which we fail to appreciate as a privilege, and for which we should give thanks. We see them so much, that we take these things for granted. For them GIVE THANKS!

It looks as though we had better wipe away the tears we have shed because of the fact we are getting only one day off. Next Thursday morning, November 27th, 1947, when I awaken, and discover that it is Thanksgiving Day — I'll get great pleasure out of rolling over and going back to sleep. But for that, and all other things, I'll GIVE THANKS!

## Phila. Osteopathic Hospital NURSES' NEWS

By RUTH MCKAY

The Hay Ride and Doggie Roast of October 29th, was a grand but bumpy success. Thirty-one Alumnae enjoyed the hay ride from the Nurses' Home to Fairmount Park and back.

The first Annual Alumnae Dance was held in the Della Robbia Room of the Penn Sheraton Hotel on Friday night, November 14th and was well attended. All enjoyed the music of Milton Starr and his ten piece orchestra.

We are happy to let you know that those members who have been ill this fall, Mrs. Jane Court, Helen Miller, Emily Banfield and Dorothy Snyder, have regained their health and are active in their respective fields of work.

The Stork brought to Irene Crossett Wood, '43, Baby Marjorie Ann on September 19, 1947 and on September 26th, Baby Linda Lee to Eleanor Rapp Smithson, '38.

We were glad to have Priscella Moore Fassett, Class '36, visit us at the October meeting.

Two of our graduate staff who obtained leave of absence this year to take Post-graduate study, have returned to their positions. Irene Snelson, '41, studied three months in the wards of the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases. Linda Bingham Witham, '39, was at the Childrens' Hospital of Detroit, Michigan, taking a six months course in Pediatrics.

Ethel Kugler, '45, former Supervisor of our Clinics, is now working in the Maternity Department of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

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## FRATERNITIES

**ATLAS CLUB.** Dr. William Baldwin, Jr. addressed the members and friends of the Styloid Chapter of the Atlas Club at their educational meeting on Wednesday evening, November 12. He offered for consideration "The Principles of Osteopathic Medicine." His audience was representative of all groups in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and the lecture room was filled to the walls.

Plans have been tentatively prepared for the induction of eighteen pledges, when and if elected to membership, after the receipt of mid-term grades from the College Office. This will be of special interest to Alumni who have concerned themselves actively in the affairs of the Club this year. Two invitation ceremonies will be necessary since the ritual is involved, and several upper-classmen will be accepted ahead of the newer students.

A dinner was held at The Homestead Restaurant of Philadelphia on November 8, 1947 greeting the pledges as a group. Dr. James Eaton graciously consented to act as Master of Ceremonies and in his inimitable manner provided wit and counsel throughout the evening. A banquet was set in the fashion that is traditional with the Homestead and we invite our friends and competing brotherhoods to equal

their fare anywhere else in the city.

Among the Alumni who gathered with the group were the Dean of Phila. College of Osteopathy, Dr. Otterbein Dressler, Drs. Boyd Button, Alexander Mazerski, Spencer Bradford, Dominic Ambrosio, C. Earl Evans, Arthur Flack, Jr., Weston West, Glen W. Cole, W. Beirn, and Ralph W. Davis. The addition of active members and pledges made up a gathering which was one of the largest and most enjoyable programs in the history of the organization.

The Banquet Committee was composed of A. J. Torello, John Donatt, and W. G. A. Edelman.

**PHI SIGMA GAMMA.** Six Freshman and two Sophomores were pledged to the Zeta Chapter. Lloyd Groner, David Hackett, John Hayes, Jack Streeter, Albert Henderson and Charles Cornbrooks coming from the former, and Sidney Currie and Stanton Randolph from the latter group. Phi Sigma Actives and Alumni extend their welcome to these new pledge brothers.

The house improvement program is in full swing. Returns from alumni and actives show that there has been an enthusiastic response to the raffle sales conducted since last October. The drawing for a prize will take place at a Thanksgiving party to be held Saturday, November 22, 1947.

At recent educational meetings, Dr. Nathaniel Boyd spoke on and demonstrated "Osteopathic Techniques"; Dr. Frederick Long addressed the Fraternity on "Marriage and Its Problems." At the next meeting Dr. Edwin Cressman will have as his subject "Early Detection of Syphilis and its Treatment."

A television set, a recent addition to the Chapter House, has been put into use, and already many have enjoyed first-hand accounts of several Saturday afternoon football games.

**LAMBDA OMICRON GAMMA.** Activities at the L. O. G. House this past month were of a highly diversified nature.

The major event of the social season was the Pledge Party held at the Chapter House on October 25th. Members, pledges, and their guests enjoyed dancing, refreshments and excellent entertainment which featured a mystifying and engrossing performance of Mental Telepathy by Frater William Adler. Many participated in the hilarious dance contests. Freshman Phillip Katz and his partner carried off the Grand Prize by their version of the intricate Rhumba.

The Annual Pledge Banquet took place at "Palumbo's." Thirty-two freshmen were entertained. The new Cerebrum, Herbert Boff, presided.

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The educational program this month featured several informative lectures. Dr. Bernard Witlin and Dr. Samuel Brint, both of the College Faculty, presented a joint treatise on the subject of Contraception. The lecturers expounded upon an important phase of the subject, its psychic ramification. Dr. Arnold Melnick of the Pediatrics Staff presented a discourse on the proper psychological upbringing of children. His theme, that bodily punishment is unjustifiable but merely a sign of parents' ineffectiveness, precipitated a lively discussion.

On November 19th Dr. Victor Fisher will deliver a discourse and demonstration on Physical Diagnosis. All POC students are welcome to these events.

### Phila. Osteopathic Hospital NURSES' NEWS

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Rose A. Breese '35, former Supervisor of West Wing, who resigned to take a six months course in Operating Room Technique at the Yale School of Nursing, New Haven, Conn., is now working in the Operating Room of the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Dorothy Tyce '46, resigned as Delivery Room Nurse, to take a six months course at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Newark, N. J.

The Alumnae Association feels that all have sustained a great loss in the sudden deaths of Dr. Wm. MacDougall and Dr. M. Carl Frey.

On October 24th, the Pre-Clinical students were welcomed into the nursing profession by the Intermediates with an invitation party held in the 4517 House. Refreshments were served.

This column in The Axone is a new venture on the part of the Alumnae Association. The success of this endeavor will depend upon the cooperation of each member in sending news, (births, marriages, change of address, etc.) to Miss Ruth McKay, Chairman of "News Column."

(Answer: Dr. Tretta; as if we didn't all know!)

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